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Message - Norwood District Assembly meeting

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MESSAGE FROM DON DUNSTAN.

May I first of all say how sorry I am that this District Assembly meeting coincides with my visit to London and that I am not able to be with you tonight. I certainly hope to be able to report to you in person next time.

The Labor Government has now been in office for almost a year and, during that time, we have, I believe, established a record of achievement that has made us, as we pledged in our policy speech, Australia's pacesetter State.

This was shown during the recent session of State Parliament when we passed a record 114 Bills. Despite Legislative Council obstructionism on a number of important issues, notably franchise reform, the ALP's determined tactics secured passage of a number of significant reforms.

The new Workmen's Compensation Act is a landmark in Australian industrial legislation and is now a model for the rest of the country. We have also made a start in passing new consumer protection laws which are far-reaching in their effect; we have revised the absurd Lottery and Gaming Regulations and have begun establishment of a State Insurance Commission, to mention but a few of the others.

Much, of course remains to be done. But an impressive start has been made and we are now in the midst of preparing legislation for the next session of Parliament to implement the other promises we made, necessary reforms for which we have a clear mandate.

In the administrative field plans drawn up when we first came into office are now bearing fruit and I hope soon to be able to make announcements which will prove of great benefit to the people of this State in such vital areas of development as industrial expansion and tourism.

All this work has been possible because the Labor Government has been a united Government, functioning as an effective, efficient and dynamic Parliamentary team loyally supported at district level by our Party workers and supporters.

I will be reporting further on Labor's record and plans at the State Convention next June but I particularly want to take this opportunity now to renew my thanks for your help and support in the cause of progressive Government.

DON DUNSTAN.

14th May, 1971.